



publicity stunts just to get attention. I do things or see people because I want to... not because it will look good in some newspaper.

I suppose you've never read about the times I invite a whole group of kids who are hanging around the studio gate in to see "The Partridge Family" film. Or that I invite dozens of kids into my dressing room before a concert to rap and get the local flavor of the area.

I bet you never heard of Paula Frey or knew that her birthday was October 26th. Neither did I until her best friend wrote and told me how much it would mean to Paula if I wished her a happy birthday. And I did just that on a person-to-person telephone call.

I wish you could have seen the surprised look on the faces of the two girls who couldn't get hold of any tickets to one of my concerts when I invited them to see the show from backstage as my guests. Or the 171 students on a field trip nearby

DAVID ASKS:

Last week I accidentally overheard a remark that sent chills down my spine. It made me decide to speak up and end these vicious lies about me once and for all.

What was the remark? I heard two girls discussing me and trying to decide whether or not they should ask me for my autograph. They finally decided not to because, as one said, "I hear he doesn't like his fans to bother him."

You can imagine what a shock it was for me to hear that, especially since I really enjoy meeting and talking to my fans. I hardly consider that being bothered! Where did such an idea get started?

The answer is obvious. The phony magazine stories that report I'm conceited, snobbish, and difficult to get along with make me look like a cross between Mr. Hyde and Count Dracula. The people who write these stories are just interested in selling magazines and getting paid for their articles. They couldn't care less about any damage they might do to my reputation or the hurt they can cause!

• THE REAL TRUTH

I guess the reason so many of these stories have sprung up is that basically I'm a very private person. I hate talking about myself or doing

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